

St. Joseph + St. Matthew + St. Teresa

Good Thunder

Vernon Center

Mapleton

The Catholic
Diocese of
Winona

Welcome!

We're here to help you begin or continue your faith journey, so you can find true peace, happiness and purpose in life. If you would like to join one of our parishes, contact any staff member and we will be honored to officially welcome you home!

October 19, 2014 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tri-Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m. at St. Teresa
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Matthew
Sunday 10:00 am at St. Joseph

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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Worship the LORD, in holy attire;
tremble before him, all the earth;
say among the nations: The LORD is king,
he governs the peoples with equity. Psalm 96:9-10

The Sacrament of Baptism

Pre-Baptism preparation is required. Please contact the office at least one month before the desired date.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Please notify the office if you or a family member is in the hospital or homebound and would like a pastoral visit.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

One half hour before each weekend Mass, 8a.m. Thursday at St. Teresa or by private appt. with Fr. Kern

The Sacrament of Marriage

All Catholics need to meet with the priest or deacon at least 6 months before being married. Contact the office at least 6 months in advance of your wedding.



From the Heart - by Fr. Kern

As the farmers are in full tilt and the Harvest well underway, I am reminded of how hard each of us work in order that we might both provide for those we love and also to have the lifestyle we seek both in regards to basic provisions like our homes or food to the comforts of vacation or recreation. Even with modern technology guiding our combines or making transportation easier all the time, we still put in much labor of time and energy to do more and more to achieve our goals. So often I think of this as compared to the energy we put into our faith. What gets more of my time or energy, God or TV? Work or family? Hobbies or prayer? Of course the reality is that each of us needs a balance in all of these regards yet if I just reflect on my priorities and how I spend my time, I know that there is always room to give at least a little more to the Lord. It is important for us to be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit who stirs within us and invites us to spend time in prayer and to offer our daily activities to the Lord.

Last weekend I had a beautiful opportunity to assist at a men's retreat named Ecclesia Domestica (Latin for Domestic or local Church) and was able to see God at work in the lives of about 25 men from our area. Retreats provide an opportunity to fall back from the stress and pressure of society and give us an opportunity to really let God be at work. Sometimes as men we might feel like it is weak to really let God in or to become 'overly spiritual'. This is a real misconception that this retreat hit on. This retreat helped the men present to realize that a true man stands up in the faith and is Christ Himself for their family. The father of the household is a guardian just as the Father in Heaven always provides for His children. This retreat will happen again in our diocese and I will invite you to join us in prayer. These types of opportunities lift us up and grant us the grace to grow both as individuals and as a Christian.

As the synod on the family concludes (I will have more to say once the final documents are released) there have been many misleading news reports about how the Church is addressing controversial issues. It is essential that we allow the Holy Spirit to direct the Church and not any one agenda. The synod on the family is looking at more than just where our families are hurting—it is looking at how in our day we grow as a family in greater love of Jesus Christ and His Church. How do we live as one Church united and not many families divided with our hurts and pains? The Catechism says that "Unity is of the essence of the Church (813)" and by this it means that though we are diverse in gifts and cultures, all the People of God make up the one Body of our Founder, Jesus Christ. Though the media wants to make the Church look heavily divided, the reality is that we are journeying together even through the wounds of society and seeking to be united in the will of God for His Church in the world. Pray for the Church to always be one!

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, October 20 **St. Paul of the Cross**
Ephesians 2:1-10; Psalm 100:1-5; Luke 12:13-21
No morning Mass

Tuesday, October 21
Ephesians 2:12-22; Psalm 85:9-14; Luke 12:35-38
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *Intentions of the Conley Hiller family*

Wednesday, October 22
Ephesians 3:2-12; Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 12:39-48
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew *Reparation for our sins*

Thursday, October 23 **St. John of Capistrano**
Ephesians 3:14-21; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Luke 12:49-53
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Marcella Johnston*
3:30 p.m. Mass at MCH † *Henry Stenzel family*

Friday, October 24 **St. Anthony Mary Claret**
Ephesians 4:1-6; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Winifred Madsen*

Saturday, October 25
Ephesians 4:7-16; Psalm 122:1-5; Luke 13:1-9
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Lucille Kunkel*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Theresa Healy*

Sunday, October 26 **Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51;
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Herbert, John, and Opal Schuch*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*

"Look at His adorable face. Look at His glazed and sunken eyes. Look at His wounds. Look Jesus in the Face. There, you will see how He loves us." -St. Theresa of Lisieux

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m. Quilters group at St. Teresa
Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary at St. Teresa
Thursdays 9 a.m. Study of the Joy of the Gospel
at St. Teresa
Wednesday, Oct. 22 6:15-7:15 pm Church History Study
at St. Teresa

Thursday, October 23 7 p.m. St. Joseph Finance Council



God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities who have requested our prayers:

Pat Borchert, Cathy Lentz, Becky, Jared Springer, Mavis Treanor, Maureen Springer, Kathleen Abrahamson, Yolande Abrahamson, Chris FitzSimmons

If you or a member of your family would like our prayers, please call 524-3127 and ask to be put on this prayer list. Each name will remain on the list for eight weeks unless the office is notified to leave the name for a longer amount of time.



Tri-parish Women's Book Club

First regular meeting will be Sunday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Teresa gathering space. We discuss the book Left to Tell and how its message relates to our everyday lives. We will also further discuss ideas of how this group will work. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited for a time of relaxation and interesting conversation.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes All classes will be held Wednesday, October 22 at regular times.

Tri-parish High School Youth Group- Hayride!

All students in grades 9—12 are invited to a hayride 4 p.m. Sunday, October 26th at Doug and Tammy Schmidt's home. Call for directions or more information.

Rake the Town Saturday, November 8th

The Tri-parish High School and Jr High Youth groups will be participating in the Rake the Town service project. They will gather at St. Teresa church and then go out to rake yards in the city limits of Mapleton. Time will be announced later.

If you would like help to get your yard raked this fall, please contact the tri-parish office.

Parish News

Our churches will be producing a new pictorial directory with Lifetouch. Our photo dates are:

St Joseph, Wednesday, Oct 29 2:00-9:00

St Teresa, Tuesday- Friday, Nov 4-7 2:00-9:00

Saturday, Nov 8 9:00-4:00

St Matthew, Tuesday, Nov 11 2:00-9:00

You do not need to attend the days Lifetouch will be in your parish, but may attend any of the times and dates.

You will receive a complimentary portrait session, 8x10 portrait, and directory for participating. If you would like to bring in a personal item to photograph with such as sporting equipment, an instrument, a medal, jewelry, a Bible or pet that is encouraged and will be incorporated into your portrait session. You can sign up for a session after Mass any weekend in October, or call: for St. Joseph, Maureen at 340-7774; St. Matthew, Donna at 278-3988; St. Teresa, Gloria at 524-3649.

If you will not be available for pictures, but would like one to be in the directory, we encourage you to submit a photo. Please contact the tri-parish office if you wish to have a picture submitted for the directory.

Treats for Troops



St. Teresa is once again collecting items to use for baskets to send to the troops. Please be generous in your support. The boxes for the troops will be **packed on Saturday, November 8,** from 9—11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Mapleton. Anyone available to help that day is encouraged to come. There will be a second collection at all Masses the weekend of November 1 and 2. All funds collected will be used to buy items for the boxes and to mail them.

For more information contact Dilly Langworthy.

Area CCW meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 20 at St. Matthew in Vernon Center. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and Lynn Demuth of Wendlandt Greenhouse will be the speaker. All women of the tri-parish are invited. This is a great opportunity to connect with women in the area since this meeting is being held in one of our parishes!

Baby Bottle Campaign gives alternatives to abortion.



Assist Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Program provide assistance to pregnant women and women with children through their Mother and Child Assistance Fund by taking a baby bottle home and filling it with your spare change.

Please pick up a baby bottle from the back of church. Contact person for St. Joseph is Leah Davis, for St. Matthew is Mary Lewis, and for St. Teresa, Dilly Langworthy.

St. Teresa CCW: If you have not yet paid dues for this year, please do so soon. Forms are available at church or in the tri-parish office. Thank you, we look forward to a great year.

St. Teresa: Next potluck supper and viewing of Catholicism: Episode 2 will be Saturday, October 25th after the 5 p.m. Mass. A great time and good food was had at last month's potluck—plan on attending in October!

The St. Joseph CCW Plus meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the gathering space.

Diocese of Winona History Books are now available for purchase. Look for them after Mass at each church; they are also available from the tri-parish office. These books are hard cover, full color, "coffee table" quality with a wealth of information about the history of the diocese and a full page on the history of each parish. The cost for this beautiful book is only \$35.

Community News

Journey through Grief is an eight-week grief group which begins Monday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Mankato. Participants will have an opportunity to share about their loss and connect with others who are grieving. There is no cost to participate in either program, but pre-registration is required. Space is limited, so we ask that attendees pre-register ASAP. For more information or to register, please call 507-385-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989 (toll free).

Election Day Turkey Dinner Tuesday, November 4 Serving 4 p.m.—8 p.m. Adults \$9.50 5—10 years \$5 Grace United Methodist Church, Vernon Center Take outs available: 549-3162

Stewardship of Treasure

God's generosity will never be outdone by our own.



St. Teresa: (October 11)

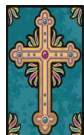
Weekly collection...	\$920.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$38,627.28
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$47,470.00

St. Matthew (Oct. 12)

Weekly collection.....	\$876.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$12,089.55
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$18,746.00

St. Joseph (October 12)

Weekly collection	\$718.25
Amount collected year to date...	\$10,554.05
Amount budgeted year to date	\$16,950.00



Ministry Roles

October 25 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Maureen Nowak

Minister of Communion: Jim Langworthy,
Gloria Langworthy

Hospitality: Tony A Bach, Karmen
Bartholomew, Tony and Connie Bach

Gifts: Butch and Judy Bach

Servers: Dillon Schmidt, Dustyn Schmidt,
Julia Langworthy

Money Counters: Jan Sonnek, Ann Walters

October 26 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Mary Lee Corey

Minister of Communion: Judy Pentico,
Cindy Young

Hospitality: Tom Tallman family

Servers: Jeff Lewis, Joseph Bennett

Money Counters: Maria Sanders,
Linda Anderson

October 26 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Jen Berkner

Minister of Communion: Patty Thomas,
Jim Wieseler

Hospitality: Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

Gifts: Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

Servers: April Klecker, Ethan McGregor

Money Counters: Kim Kleven, Eli Depuydt

Ministry schedules are available on the web-site: sjsmst.org

Our Catholic World



Please pray for our country!



"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."

--Saint Padre Pio **Every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m.**

St. Teresa Church

October is the month of the rosary. Make a special effort to pray the rosary this month.

October is **Respect Life Month** and known for its focus on the beautiful gift of life from our creator and for offering the Rosary to our Blessed Mother. Another beautiful prayer is the "*Spiritual Adoption Prayer*". The late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one particular, but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live. To help accomplish this, it was recommended an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of one year. **"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."** During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God, but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them. (Crusade for Life Intl., North Glenn, CO)

On All Soul's Day, Nov. 2, and throughout the month of November, the monks of St. John's Abbey will pray for those deceased loved ones and friends that parishioners and others have asked the monks to remember in their common prayer and daily masses. Send names to St. John's Abbey. Please include the name of your parish and your own name and address, and mail to : Office of the Abbott, All Soul's Remembrance, St. John's Abbey, PO Box 2015, Colledgeville, MN56321

Seeking Farmers for All-Expenses-Paid trip to East Africa

Catholic Rural Life is seeking farmers to participate in the Farmer to Farmer program, which sends U.S. volunteers with agricultural expertise to share skills and help build capacity for East African farmers through short-term training and technical assistance projects. Volunteers may be individuals, farmers, and industry leaders with a range of expertise in agriculture. The duration of volunteer assignments is normally about three weeks, with travel, lodging, meals, travel insurance, visas, and other basic expenses covered by CRS. For more information contact Deacon Chris at 507-469-5563

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Everyone is invited to take part in the 40 Days for Life effort from September 25 through November 2. In addition to **40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America**, please consider volunteering to pray outside of Planned Parenthood in Mankato for one or more hours during the 40 days. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact: Dr. Joseph Eckert at 507-387-3544, or go to www.40daysforlife@gmail.com

Tired of politics as usual? Frustrated by political parties and special interest groups just looking for more power? The Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC), the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in MN, is offering you an opportunity to go beyond partisan politics and explore how we can all better "think with the Church" when considering the policy issues, decisions, and people we choose to support. Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at St. Joseph the Worker in Mankato at 6:30 p.m. The talk is free and open to everyone. Reflect on how to live as a faithful, Christ-filled citizen in a challenging culture.